

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-E-19-17

Issued at Juneau, Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday,
July 1, 2017

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Monday, July
31, 2017, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION: King salmon returning to the Douglas Island Pink and Chum, Inc. Macaulay Salmon Hatchery are not expected to meet broodstock goals in 2017. Therefore, king salmon returning to Fish Creek Pond will be used to supplement what is returning to the hatchery. Both sources will be needed in order to achieve broodstock goals. This emergency order closes the waters of Fish Creek Pond to sport fishing. This closure will provide protection to those king salmon returning to Fish Creek Pond on North Douglas. During this time, hatchery staff will collect all the female king salmon for hatchery broodstock.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023(e)(1)(M) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions become effective from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 1 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, July 31, 2017:

5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(e) In the Juneau vicinity:

- (1) in all drainages crossed by the Juneau City and Borough road system,
- (M) in Fish Creek Pond, sport fishing is closed;

By delegation to:

Sam Cotten
Commissioner



Daniel Teske
Juneau Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: Based on the low number of king salmon that have returned to the hatchery to date, a low number of tagged Macaulay Hatchery king salmon recovered in both the sport and commercial fisheries, and age data from these tag recoveries, indicates poor survival of the brood year expected to produce the majority of returning female king salmon. This closure is necessary to protect and collect sufficient numbers of king salmon to meet broodstock needs.

DISTRIBUTION: The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270.